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**ABSTRACT:**

A method is described to operate a hearing device with an  
5 input transducer (1), a signal processing unit (2) and an  
output transducer (4). The method comprises the steps of  
converting an acoustic input signal into a converted input  
signal, processing the converted input signal in a main  
signal path in order to obtain a main output signal, and  
10 supplying the main output signal to an output transducer.  
By processing the converted input signal in a side signal  
path to obtain a side path output signal, and by  
superimposing the side path output signal on the main  
output signal, wherein a group delay of a signal traveling  
15 through the side signal path is smaller than a group delay  
of a signal traveling through the main signal path, the  
localization problems are eliminated. At the same time, the  
hearing device according to the present invention can still  
have a very high performance. In short terms, a "zero-  
20 delay-high-performance" hearing device has been created by  
the present invention.

(Fig. 2)